GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4270
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2001
SUPPLY OF AYURVEDIC MEDICINES TO ATHLETES BY SAI
A.K. PREMAJAM

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether before participation in any international competition, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) had been supplying Ayurvedic medicines to the athletes to help boost their performance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the positive found in the weight lifter is because of non-banned substances and herbal medicines;

(d) if so, the detailed facts of the case; and

(e) the steps taken by SAI to resolve the issue ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI PON.RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e): In the recent past, Ms Kunja Rani Devi, Weightlifter was found positive for Strychnine (a stimulant) during 2001 Senior Asian Weightlifting Championship in Korea. So far action against the sportsperson is concerned, the concerned National Sports Federation is the competent body to resolve any outstanding issue.